

2003 AmeriCorps Appropriations Update

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2003 California AmeriCorps Grantmaking Process – Total Demand on Funds: 114 formula, competitive and continuation applications. \$67.6 million requested to support 12,835 members.

2003 Appropriations: Available Funding for AmeriCorps Program Grants

- National Total Program Funding: \$149.9 million, reduced from \$225.5 million for current year programs - a 33.5% decrease
 - California Formula Funding: \$5.6 million reduced from \$8.9 million regularly – a 37.1% decrease (higher than the 33.5% nationwide decrease due to small state adjustment). This year \$11.0 million formula funds available due to one-time carryover funds.
 - California Competitive Funding: Pending Corporation announcement of competitive selections scheduled for June 16, 2003. Estimated \$2.8 – \$5.9 million down from \$18.1 million in the current year – a 67% – 85% decrease.
 - California Education Award, Promise Fellow, etc. Funding: Pending Corporation announcement of continuation programs.
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2003 Appropriations: Available AmeriCorps Education Awards

- National Total using Government Accounting Office formula: 13,000 reduced from 67,000 in current year – an 80.6% decrease
- National Total using Office of Management and Budget formula: 28,000 reduced from 67,000 in current year – a 58.2% decrease
- California Formula Programs: Estimated 345 members (180 full-time equivalent members) down from 1,900 (992 full-time equivalent members) in current year – a 91.8% decrease using GAO prescription for management of the National Service Trust.
- California Competitive Programs: Estimated 481 members (260 FTE) down from 4,082 (2,206 FTE) in current year – an 88.2% decrease using GAO prescription for management of the National Service Trust.
- California Education Award Programs: 1,120 in current year. Estimated impact unavailable and pending Corporation announcements of continuation applications.

2003 Appropriations – Estimated Number of AmeriCorps Programs

California Formula, Competitive, and Education Award Programs: 10 programs (using GA0 prescription) down from 55 programs in current year – an 81.8% decrease (does not include 4 Education Award and 1 Promise Fellow program operating currently).

2004 Proposals

- President's Proposed Budget: \$313.2 million dollars for AmeriCorps grants (includes child care and TTA) – a 79% increase over 2003 and a 30.2% increase over 2002. 75,000 members – a 12% increase over 2002 appropriations for current year programs. \$120 million for the National Service Trust enough for 42,000 members using GAO formula and 60,000 using OMB formulas.
- Citizen Service Act of 2003 (Senators Kennedy, McCain, Bayh): 75,000 in 2004 increasing 25,000 annually to 175,000.
- Proposal by Presidential candidate and Senator John Kerry: 500,000 opportunities for Americans to earn education awards equal to the cost of tuition for 4 years in their state college in return for two years of service.